

A FIGHTING ... WHALE

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I was one of the crew of the whaling ship Crosby when I came across a gigantic whale that had often been seen before, that had destroyed many lives. He had come to be known as Tom Bowline and was recognized by a V shaped scar on his head. The Crosby was the west of St. Helena when he was raised by the lookout. Tom Bowline came to the surface with a rush and then lay wallowing about. Three boats were lowered, and the whale was recognized by his scar. The mate's boat had the lead and got within striking distance first. As soon as the harpoon entered the whale settled away like a rock and went down 350 feet. Then he turned and rushed for the surface like a wild locomotive, breaching his full length out of water and filling and swamping the mate's boat with the waves kicked up by his fall. He rested a moment and then slewed around and started for the boat. He caught it with a swing of his jaw and made splinters of it and killed three men at the same time. For five minutes the mate, who was supporting himself by an oar, was alongside the fish and rubbing against his body, but he finally pushed himself clear and reached one of the other boats. The monster had the three boats at his mercy, but for some reason was satisfied with the destruction of the first. Perhaps it was because the others remained perfectly quiet while he seemed to be searching for them. Fifteen minutes after destroying the boat he moved slowly away, and those who had escaped his fury returned to the ship. We were at this time over half full of oil.

One hundred and fourteen days later, when 400 miles west of the island of Tristan d'Acunha, in the south Atlantic, we cut in our last whale, cleared the decks of the tryworks and set our course for Salem. We were full to the hatches and thus far had made one of the best seasons on record. In about three days we had the ship cleaned up and most of the smoke and grease washed off our bodies, and we were about to begin painting when at noon on the fourth or fifth day after turning on our heel for home a whale suddenly breached right astern of us and not more than 300 feet away. His fall raised three or four waves, which pitched the ship about as if we were lying in a gale, and, though the monster settled away out of sight at once, we had identified him as Tom Bowline. It may seem queer to you to read that every man aboard, from captain to apprentice, was badly frightened as soon as it was known that our old enemy had hunted us down, as it were. We had left him almost four months before at a point 2000 miles away, and yet he had overhauled us as if he had been a steamer sent in search and posted as to our cruising ground. His breaching so near us was taken as evidence of his evil intentions, and some argued that he had meant to strike the ship.

All work was at once suspended, and the men were ordered to move around the decks on tiptoe. We hoped the Leviathan had not seen us and that his breaching so close aboard was quite accidental, and after half an hour had passed away without further sight of him everybody began to feel easier. A man had just started aloft with a glass to scan the sea when the whale rose to the surface about a stone's throw to windward.

From that time on for five hours he swam with the ship, paying no attention to us, but maintaining his distance to a foot. Then of a sudden he settled down, and we all heaved a sigh of relief. We had not seen the last of him, however. An hour before midnight the nostrils of the men, and they looked to the windward to catch sight of a great black bulk on the water. It was Tom Bowline. Word was passed around and all hands turned up, and from 1 to 3 we were in a state of suspense. At about 3 o'clock the whale began lashing the water with his flukes. When he had churned an acre or more of surface to foam, he slowed around and headed straight for us, but miscalculated our speed and passed astern, though clearing the rudder by not more than five feet. As he rushed to leeward, swinging his head and thrashing the water, we luffed sharp up until we were heading due east. Whether he located us by sight or sound no man can say, but as he slowed around I saw that he would come head on for our stern. As he started on his mad rush the ship's head was brought due north again in hopes to avoid him, but he changed his course as well and came down on our port quarter.

Every soul aboard knew the ship was doomed. She was heeled to starboard until almost on her beam ends, and the instant she settled back there was a rush for the boats. No one gave the whale further attention, but every effort was put forth to get the boats into the water as the ship was luffed into the wind. Her decks were awash the last one got away, and that was about fourteen minutes after she was struck. When we came to look around for Tom Bowline, he had disappeared from sight, and no whaler ever reported seeing him after that. It had always been generally believed that the recovered injuries in striking us that caused his death. We were picked up three days later by a Scotch whaler whose the worse in health for our adventure, but the small fortune which that rich cargo would have given every man if safely landed had gone to the bottom of the Atlantic.

VERMONT NEWS.

Frank C. Partridge of Proctor, has been invited to represent the United States in the capacity of agent at Caracas, in the adjustment of the claims of American citizens against Venezuela. Mr. Partridge was at one time United States minister to Venezuela and was also solicitor of the department of state, under James G. Blaine.

Charles A. Cranton, a well known business man of Enosburg Falls, died at his home there last week Tuesday as the result of an accident which occurred in Swanton a few weeks previous, when he fell on the ice. He was 51 years old and leaves a wife and three brothers.

Beginning July 1, next, Richmond and Malone, N. Y., will be the only ports in the east at which Chinese persons can enter the United States. An inspector, stenographer, and interpreter will be stationed at Richmond, and a building, commonly called a detention shed, will be necessary. Negotiations have been begun for the lease from the Canadian Pacific railway of a lot just south of the custom house. The present idea is for the government to erect a building about the size of the custom house. Whether the volume of Chinese business will remain about the same as heretofore, or will be much augmented by the departure and arrival of many Chinese persons who now travel via San Francisco, is a problem which only the future can determine.

Suit has been brought by the Capital Savings Bank and Trust Co. against the Montpelier Savings Bank for collection of the certified check which figured in the Harkness forgery affair. Harkness received from the Montpelier Savings Bank in exchange for his note for \$2,000, a cashier's check for \$1,000 and \$1,000 in cash, all of which he at once paid over to the Capital Savings Bank. The former bank soon after it suspected forgery stopped payment on the check and has allowed it to go to protest. Now the latter bank sues and the legal question will be settled in court.

The first night watch patrol and fire alarm system to be established in New England will be located in Burlington by the American District Telegraph company. It will be under the supervision of W. H. Martin, manager of the Western Union telegraph office. The new system will be installed in Burlington immediately and when in operation managers of telegraph offices in other cities will be sent there to inspect the system before similar ones are established at other cities. Plans have already been made to introduce the system in several cities.

The new St. Augustine Catholic church at Montpelier was opened the first time for public services, Sunday. The formal dedication will take place some time during the summer.

The town of Woodstock has purchased a lot and is to build a new schoolhouse to take the place of the two now used for primary and intermediate schools. It is expected the cost will come well within the \$20,000 appropriated for the lot and building at the last town meeting.

Arrangements are being made for the meeting of the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., to be held in Enosburg Falls, beginning May 20 and probably continuing three days.

The second biennial state camp of Modern Woodmen of America is to be held in Montpelier May 6. After the business of the meeting which is expected to occupy the time from 10 a. m. until 3 p. m., there will be a general parade of the order. The Barre uniform team will act as escort and uniform team from Windsor and Burlington will participate.

GENERAL NEWS.

Adlai E. Stevenson, formerly vice-president of the United States, lost his hair and mustache and received painful burns on his face, head and hands at Bloomington, Ill., last Wednesday while trying to extinguish a fire in his home. The fire started in a bedroom. When Mr. Stevenson rushed into the room the current of a blaze. Without calling and he attacked the flames. In a moment the hair on his head went up in a puff of smoke. The fire then seized on his mustache and blistered his face. Then Mr. Stevenson called for help. He retreated before the flames caught his clothing. The fire did little injury to the house.

The estate of the late Gustavus F. Swift of Chicago is valued at \$12,200,000. Of this sum \$12,000,000 is in personal property and the balance in real estate. With the exception of \$250,000 set apart for charity, and a few small bequests, the whole of this estate is left to the immediate members of the family, subject to various conditions. The executors are directed to pay to the widow \$40,000 a year, in monthly installments, until the final distribution. Each of the nine children gets \$8,000 a year until the estate is settled.

Rev. William Henry Milburn, the venerable blind chaplain of the United States senate, died in Santa Barbara, Cal., Thursday at the age of 80 years. He has had a national reputation for over 50 years. His sight was almost totally destroyed by an accident when he was only five years old, and he became wholly blind about 20 years later. In 1845 he was elected chaplain of the 29th congress and was reappointed chaplain of the house of representatives in 1853 and again in 1885, retaining the position until 1893, when he was elected chaplain of the senate.

The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in the Christian Science denomination, has lately purchased enough land to begin in the all the erection, free of debt, of a million dollar edifice, which will have an audience room for 5,000 auditors, and be one of the largest structures in the world devoted to religious purposes.

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Christian Endeavor Prayer Meeting.

Topic for Sunday, April 19. "The sacred Sabbath." Matt. xii. 1-13.

DAILY READINGS.

Apr. 13. Why instituted, Gen. ii. 1-3.
Apr. 14. Shows God's goodness. Deut. v. 12-15.
Apr. 15. A type of heaven. Heb. iv. 4-9.
Apr. 16. How Jesus kept it. Luke iv. 16-19.
Apr. 17. An old-time defender. Neh. xiii. 19-22.
Apr. 18. In the early church. Acts xx. 7-12.
Apr. 19. The sacred Sabbath. Matt. xii. 1-13.

SCRIPTURE VERSES.

Matt. xii. 1-7; 10-12; Luke vi. 6-10; xiii. 14, 15; John vi. 22-23; xx. 19-26; Acts xx. 7, 8, 1 Cor. xii. 1, 2; Rev. i. 10-12; Heb. x. 25.

LESSON THOUGHTS.

Though all of our time could rightly be claimed by him, God requires only one-seventh of it exclusively for himself. What ungrateful selfishness must that be which refuses so small a claim.

The Sabbath is not a day for mere relaxation or bodily recreation: it is a day given us in which we may particularly serve God, not that we may especially entertain and please ourselves.

LECTIONS.

The streams of religion run deeper or shallower as the banks of the Sabbath are kept up or neglected.

Rest is not quitting the busy career; Rest is the fitting of self to one's sphere. In the hush of the night, clear without strife, Pleading to ocean, after this life.

'Tis loving and serving the highest and best; 'Tis onward, unswerving, and this is true rest.

God sanctified the seventh day unto himself. The force and might of the commandment lie, not in the resting, but in the sanctifying of the day; for the proper idea of the Sabbath is, that we should teach and hear the word of God's day, in order that we may sanctify both the day and ourselves.

King Charles, of England, was once interrupted in the midst of the sermon in church by a nobleman who wanted to engage in conversation with him. "Dear sir," said the king, "do not hinder me from hearing God when he speaks to me, in order that on the other hand, he may hear me when I speak to him."

SUGGESTED HYMNS.

Hear us, O Savior, while we pray.
Holy Spirit, Teacher Thine.
After the toil and trouble,
Take time to be holy.
Come, Holy Spirit,
'Tis the hallowed hour of prayer.

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Presentation of Account.

MARTHA C. MORRILL'S ESTATE.

STATE OF VERMONT, Caledonia District, ss. In Probate Court, held at the probate office in St. Johnsbury, in said district, on the 7th day of April, A. D. 1903.
Charles I. Smith, Administrator upon the estate of Martha C. Morrill, late of Barnet, in said district, deceased, respectfully represents that Ralph L. Bole, one of the heirs of said deceased, and entitled to a distributive share of said estate, has been absent and unheard of for more than fifteen years, and five years of which time is since the death of said deceased; therefore he prays that upon due notice said court order a distribution of his distributive share of said estate among his heirs, heirs, if any, otherwise among the heirs of said deceased, agreeably to the statute in such cases made and provided.
Whereupon, it is ordered by said court that said account and said application be referred to a session thereof, to be held at the probate office in said St. Johnsbury, on the 25th day of April, A. D. 1903, for hearing and decision thereon. And it is further ordered that notice hereof be given to all persons interested, by publication in the Caledonian, a newspaper published at St. Johnsbury, previous to said time appointed for hearing, that they may appear at said time and place, and show cause, if any they may have, why said account should not be allowed and such decree made.
By the Court, Attest:
WALTER P. SMITH, Judge.

MISS KENNEDY'S CASE

WHY SHE LEFT HER STUDIES AT THE HIGH SCHOOL.

Every Mother of a Growing Girl Will be Interested in the Story as Told by the Young Lady Herself.

The circumstances under which Bertha Kennedy was taken from her studies in the high school will be of interest to all mothers of growing girls. Miss Kennedy said to a reporter:

"When I was fourteen years old I began to decline in health on account of a suppression of the natural functions of my sex, and I am sure I would never have been the healthy girl I am now if it had not been for Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. I was entirely without color, thin as a rail, nervous and irritable, tired and lifeless and in a seriously low state of health in general. Although a good doctor was treating me, he failed to do any good and my parents felt very much alarmed about me.

"I was taken from the high school on account of my poor health, but continued to grow worse. Then I began to take Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and with the first few doses began to feel better. Four boxes brought about the desired result and a few boxes more restored me entirely to health. Now I have a good color, am strong and active and have not seen a sick day from that time to the present."

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The trouble with which Miss Kennedy was afflicted often causes severe headache, loss of appetite, pale or sallow complexion, palpitation of the heart, swollen ankles or legs, nervousness, of offensive breath, etc., etc. The sufferer may exhibit one or more of these symptoms, or may have all. They simply indicate the ravages disease has made upon the system, and the more of these symptoms the patient shows the greater the necessity for prompt and persistent treatment, until they have been banished and the bloom of health is restored. To accomplish this end, Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People are the only unfailing remedy. They positively cure all suppressions and irregularities, which, if neglected, inevitably entail sickness and trouble.

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